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1. DECEMBER 11 EL COMERCIO CARRIED MAJOR FRONT PAGE HEADLINE  
"END OF THE ARGENTINE GUERRILLA", OVER AN EFE ARTICLE DDATELINED  
BUENOS AIRES DECEMBER 10. ROUGH EMBASSY TRANSLATION OF  
ARTICLE FOLLOWS:

2. "THE MARXIST-LENINIST GUERRILLA ORGANIZATION OF ARGENTINA  
(THE ERP) MADE A HUNDRED-AND-EIGHTY DEGREE TURN IN ITS STRATEGIC  
CONCEPT BY RENOUNCING ARMED STRUGGLE AND PRPOSIIING THE FORMATION  
OF A POPULAR FRONT.

3. "IN A DOCUMENT JUST RECEIVED IN JOURNALISTIC CIRCLES IN  
BUENOS AIRES THE PEOPLE'S REVOLUTIONARY ARMY (ERP) CALLED ON  
PERONISTS, RADICALS, INTRASIGENTS, COMMUNISTS, CHRISTIANS  
AND "ALL PATRIOTIC, PROGRESSIVE AND REVOLUTIONARY SECTORS"  
TO FORM "AN ANTIIMPERIALIST, DEMOCRATIC AND PATRIOTIC FRONT".

4. "THE ERP BASED ITS PROPOSAL ON AN ADMISSION THAT  
THERE EXIST CURRENTS OPPOSED TO ARMED STRUGGLE, THE  
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PRINCIPAL INSTRUMENT UTILIZED TO DATE BY THE ORGANIZATION  
IN ITS DECLARED THEORY OF TAKING POWER.

5. "PRINCIPAL CAUSE. INFORMED CIRCLES COMMENT THAT THE  
PRINCIPAL FACTOR IN THE STRATEGIC CHANGE ADOPTED BY THE ERP  
LIES IN ITS REAL MILITARY DEFEAT BY THE ARMED FORCES WHICH  
HAVE BEEN IN POWER SINCE MARCH 24 OF THIS YEAR.

6. "IT COULD ALSO HAVE BEGUN IN THE NEW CONCEPT OF GUERRILLA ORGANIZATION, THE DISAGREEMENT WITH ARMED STRUGGLE MANIFESTED BY ALL CURRENTS OF SOCIAL AND POLITICAL EXPRESSION, INCLUDING THE COMMUNIST PARTY.

7. "RECENTLY ONE OF THE PRINCIPAL LEADERS OF THIS PARTY, FERNANDO NADRA, PUBLISHED A BOOK ENTITLED "REFLEXIONS ON TERRORISM" IN WHICH HE DENIGRATED THE ARMED ROUTE AND THE GUERRILLA THEORIES OF THE EXTREME LEFTISTS.

8. "BUT THE PRINCIPAL REASON WHICH BROUGHT THE ERP TO UNDERTAKE THIS TURNABOUT IS THE MILITARY DEFEAT INFLICTED ON IT BY THE ARMED FORCES AND ITS ALIENATION FROM POPULAR SUPPORT, IN THE OPINION OF ANALYSTS."

9. EMBASSY POUCHING COPIES OF THE ARTICLE TO EMBASSY BUENOS AIRES AND THE DEPARTMENT.  
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